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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2004 and includes the following sections:

- 1. Introductory Comments, beginning on page 2
- 2. Amendments to Drawings, beginning on page 3
- 3. Amendments to and Listing of Claims, beginning on page 4
- 4. Remarks, beginning on page 7

A Replacement Sheet (1 sheet) of formal drawings bearing Fig. 1 is also enclosed.

No fee is believed to be necessary. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 10, 2004, in which claims 1-14 are rejected and in which Figure 1 is objected to. By this response, claims 1, 7, and 8 and Figure 1 are amended. Withdrawal of the objection to Figure 1 and reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-14 are requested.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to in the Office Action because Figure 1 is not labeled as "Prior Art." By this response, a replacement sheet of formal drawings bearing Figure 1 is enclosed. Figure 1 of this replacement sheet has been amended by labeling it as "Prior Art" as requested in the Office Action. Approval of this replacement sheet and withdrawal of the objection is requested.